



# Elmhurst Area Branch News

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## Holiday Party — Schuster Style

Do you want to be part of something special? Plan to attend this gathering at the home of Sally Schuster. View holiday collections of Christmas ornaments, ceramic trees, plastic light-up Santas, and more.

Sally decorates a live tree with glass ornaments from the early 1900s through the 1930s with a few newer ones as they have accumulated. Another tree features Santas including a number of Christopher Radko's. Sally's husband turned their Christmas decorations into a home for wayward and homeless ceramic trees. The collection now numbers 21. And, there is much more!

Sally lives at 253 Ridgeland in Elmhurst. Ridgeland is 3 blocks east of West Avenue and 3/4s of a block south of North Avenue. Ridgeland ends at Third Street south of North Avenue. You can park on both sides of the street as well as on Third Street, but you may want to carpool.

At the November meeting, many members informed Alice Smith that they were attending. Those members are all set. If you missed the November meeting and will attend the December Holiday Party, please, inform Alice through email or a phone call. \$5.00 is expected of anyone who attends. Alice will collect it at the party. We have plenty of appetizers and desserts; however, if your heart desires, bring some of your favorite munchies.

## Public Policy Update

Our national AAUW headquarters in Washington, DC is encouraging our membership to access the *Two-Minute-Activist* and *Washington Update* on the [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) website.

A similar program for providing information on state and local legislation and links for contacting state and local officials on public policy issues is planned for release in the coming months - it will be known as *Salsa*. I will keep you posted....

Genie Urick

## February Homework

Plan ahead for the AAUW meeting on February 12th at the Elmhurst Public Library. This is our annual Book Study Meeting and we will discuss *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg, The Chief Operating Officer at Facebook.

Employed or not, this book speaks to us all, providing the latest information on what it means to be a woman in the work force and what our daughters, granddaughters and nieces face when they say they are employed. Branch member Jan Summers will lead the discussion.



## BRANCH CALENDAR

December 3 - 1:00 pm  
**Noontime Potpourri**  
100 South, Elmhurst

December 3 - 7:00 pm  
**Cool Cities Coalition**  
Elmhurst Public Library

December 3 - 6:30 pm  
**Half the Sky Group**  
Baisi Thai Restaurant  
Oak Brook Mall

December 5 - 1:00 pm  
**Book Discussion Group**  
*"My Beloved World"*  
(Sonia Sotomayor)  
Hostess & Discussion Leader:  
Joann McCurdy

December 11 - 7:00 pm  
**Monthly Branch Meeting**  
*Holiday Party*  
*Sally Schuster's Home*

January 2 - 7:00 pm  
**Board Meeting**  
*Elmhurst Public Library*



**AAUW Hotline 1-800-326-2289**

**Mission Statement**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

**AAUW Value Promise**

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.

**Membership**

The American Association of University Women is open to any graduate holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution.

**AAUW FUNDS**

The AAUW Funds support educational fellowships and grants, legal advocacy, public policy, leadership programs and research reports.

**IN MEMORIAM**

*We are saddened by the loss this month of two Branch members.*

**Rachel Kyle**

Branch member Rachel Kyle passed away at the age of 89 on November 17, following heart surgery. Rachel was a fairly new member, having joined after she moved to Park Place last year. Her fellow resident Mary Eleanor Wall found it easy to recruit Rachel to AAUW because her mother had been an AAUW member, and Rachel regularly attended Branch meetings.

Rachel came to Elmhurst from Deerfield, where she had lived for more than 50 years. She was an art teacher in Wilmette and Bannockburn, an active member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and an avid knitter.

Reading the obituary written by her children at [www.kellyspaldingfuneralhomes.org](http://www.kellyspaldingfuneralhomes.org), we can only regret that we didn't have more time to get to know Rachel. Like so many AAUW members, she was a woman who made a difference in a lot of lives.

**Norma Kroeplin**

Norma Kroeplin, a long-time active member of our branch passed away November 7 at Beacon Hill Retirement Home. Many of our branch attended her memorial service at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church on November 23.

Norma was a 50+ year member of AAUW. She was an Educational Foundation Honoree of our branch in 1977.

She was membership vice-president when our branch reached a membership of 235 members — our all-time high -- Norma was known for her low-key, smiling, helpful persona which many of us will always remember.

**November Meeting**

The program last month on The Triumph of Artemesia drew a nice crowd, including these smiling AAUW members.



## President's Message

### DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

At a recent meeting of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, we realized that symbolically, this is our diamond anniversary as a Branch (or according to some sources, our diamond jubilee, since the 60th is sometimes considered the first diamond anniversary). That got me started thinking about all the things that diamonds and AAUW have in common.

Diamonds are brilliant, and so are our members. What a group of smart women! Our earliest members were women whose intellectual interests had driven them to pursue a college education when that was a rarity for women. Today AAUW members not only earn advanced degrees, pursue demanding careers and undertake research, but also provide financial and legal support so that other women can make the most of their own brilliance.

Diamonds are multi-faceted, and so are our members. If you look through our Branch directory, you'll see a wide variety of fields of study, but beyond that, each of our members has a host of interests and activities in the community. By sharing those interests with fellow members, we help each other sparkle all the more.

Diamonds are tough; in fact diamond is the hardest known natural mineral. AAUW members are tough, too. We don't give up when faced with social problems. We work together as an association to combat discrimination and injustice against women all over the world.

Diamonds are used in tools that cut and shape. Like tools, AAUW members create change in their environment. Just think of the impact that the Dare to Dream project has had on hundreds of young Latinas and their mothers locally, or the effect that AAUW research and lobbying have on legislation and social policy across the country.

Best of all, to be a bit politically incorrect, diamonds are a girl's best friend! What wonderful friendships we have already formed and look forward to forming amongst the brilliant, multi-faceted, yet tough and accomplished, women who make up our Elmhurst Area Branch.

Our Diamond Jubilee is truly a cause for celebration!

Sarah Caltvedt  
Branch President

## Membership News

Welcome to the newest members of our branch! Look for new member profiles in upcoming newsletters, and in the meantime, please add these names to your yearbook.

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### *SAVE THE DATE*

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon**

**Saturday  
May 3, 2014**

Butterfield Country Club



## Help Dare to Dream!

**Dare to Dream: Get Educated!** is a one-day conference for Latina middle school girls and their mothers to empower the dream of education. Our sixth annual conference will take place at College of DuPage in January 2014. Each conference focuses on the personal, professional and financial value of education in general, and higher education in particular. Both the girls and their mothers attend workshops on various topics such as: careers, high school and college campus life, making choices, health, navigating the American school system and family life.

Dare to Dream is presented by AAUW branches in the Lombard, Wheaton-Glen Ellyn, Downers Grove and Elmhurst areas, working together with DuPage middle schools and successful Latina business and professional women, who serve as board members, conference presenters, and role models.

Your generosity will help us to encourage Latina girls of DuPage County to dare to dream and to seek the education that will turn that dream into reality.

This year we are also continuing a program to award multiple \$1,000 scholarships to girls who attended the conference in 2010 and will be entering an accredited college, university, or vocational program for the fall of 2014.

Thank you for your support! Donors will be acknowledged in the 2014 conference program.

### Conference Sponsor:

Yes! I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help sponsor the 2014 Dare to Dream Conference. A tax deductible donation of \$52.00 will support the attendance of one girl to the conference. Any amount will be appreciated.

### Scholarship Donation:

Yes! I would like to contribute \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the scholarship program. A contribution of \$1,000 or more allows you to create a named scholarship for a Dare to Dream Alumna. Donations in lesser amounts will be pooled and awarded in \$1,000 increments for scholarships. All donations go directly to the scholarships; they will not be used for the costs to administer the scholarship program.

Total Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

My check, payable to **Dare to Dream: Get Educated!** is enclosed.

I prefer to charge my contribution to my  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to: Dare to Dream: Get Educated! PO Box 328, Elmhurst, IL 60126**

*Dare to Dream: Get Educated! is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization (EIN 27-1778698)*



*Please join the Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition  
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013  
7:00 pm at the Elmhurst Public Library*

*We'll hold a brief business meeting, followed by  
a presentation from Prairie Food Co-op*



Learn how a group of area residents has been working to open DuPage County's first, and only, community-owned grocery store, which will provide **year-round access to healthy, sustainable, and locally-produced food.**

Because the store will be owned by the community, profits will stay in the community and provide a boost to the local economy. Hear how cooperatives work and what makes them such unique, inspiring, and resilient businesses. There will be time for Q & A after the presentation.

*To learn more about the  
Elmhurst Cool Cities Coalition*

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